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Alumni Association/Raider Club

It's a Link-Up that Lets You Join One and Enjoy the Other

A little more than a year ago, a group of alums and other sports enthusiasts got together and formed the Raider Club, its primary purpose being to back up WSU sports activities through various programs and events. It's an active organization, well known to many alums. But what's not so well known is that any member of the Alumni Association is eligible to participate in any of the Raider Club activities (and vice versa).

Especially during basketball season Raider Club happenings reach a peak. And you're invited to hop aboard some of those happenings—such as bus trips to WSU away basketball games. Two trips have been scheduled for the next few weeks. One busload of boosters will take off for Oxford on Tuesday, December 13 to root for the Raiders against Miami. Another trip has been scheduled for the WSU-Central State game on Saturday, January 7. Raiders and alums who take advantage of the bus service share the cost.

Another basketball season benefit sponsored by the Raider Club and open to Association members has to do with half-time hospitality. Adjacent to the main gym, the hospitality center provides a place to buy refreshments and congregate during half-time. It's not open to the general public. But if you are a season ticket holder, a Raider, or a member of the Alumni Association, the center is there for you and your guests to use.

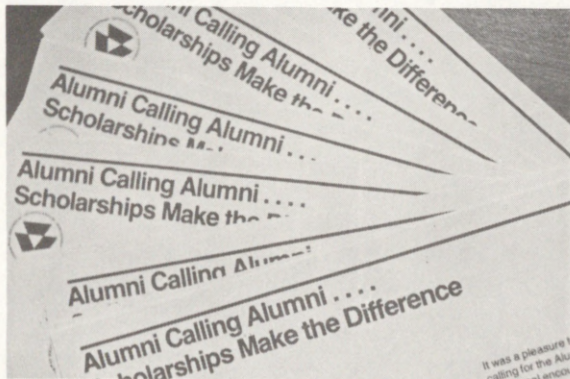
Throughout the year the Raider Club is involved in many activities. Members manned a



(L. to R.) Pat Moran, Marion Franer, Tom Keller, and Ron Oldiges load the liquid refreshments aboard a bus bound for a Raider game.

booth at last October Daze. Beer blasts and wine tasting receptions are regularly on the agenda. Some members take tickets, sell programs, usher, and operate a souvenir stand at basketball games. And in conjunction with the Alumni Association, the Raider Club paid for printing wallet-sized basketball schedules this season.

Tom Keller, who has a wardrobe of ties with WSU, is currently president of the Club. He's also an alum (M.B.A. Finance 72), an active member of the Alumni Association, and he works at Wright State as Director of Budget and Institutional Research. Says Tom, "The Raider Club is almost always involved in something, and any alumni who are interested in getting involved along with us are always welcome."



Dialing for Donors

If there's anything a person likes less than being asked for money, it's being asked to do the asking. But when the cause is right, all that changes. Happily, that's what we're finding out through the annual Alumni Association Phone-a-thon, which is now well over the halfway mark toward our goal of raising \$10,000.

For the week of November 13-21 nearly five hundred alums were contacted by phone and asked to contribute toward scholarships and teaching excellence awards. Over seventy percent responded with a "yes"—and that's a passing grade in anyone's book.



Jean Long, Association Board member, pencils a pledge from a WSU alum.

To date, we have received about three hundred contributions, averaging \$21, although one philanthropic alum gave \$750. At the other end of the scale, several grads have given as little as one dollar each.

The Phone-a-thon isn't over yet. It will continue until the goal is reached; but if contributions continue at the present rate, that goal is around the proverbial corner. So return your pledge cards if you haven't already done so. And should you receive a call within the next few weeks from one of our volunteers (all of whom are now sporting bruises on their phone fingers), remember: your support, no matter how small, helps us get closer to the goal.

Sign up for Sunday Basketball

If daily routine leaves you little time for physical exercise, you might want to consider signing up for Wright State's Sunday Basketball League. You'll get as much exercise as you want; and you'll also enjoy the fun and camaraderie.

Twelve teams are being formed; and all alums (men and women) are encouraged to sign up and get in on the action. The league will last from January 15 till March 12, with two games (1:15 or 2:30) scheduled for each afternoon in the main gym of the P.E. building.

The Sunday Basketball League is being sponsored by Intramural and Recreational Sports at WSU. Entry deadline is December 30; and there is a ten dollar refundable entry fee. For further information call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 873-2620, or stop by the locker room to sign up.

Swim Teams Need Timers

If you have an interest in swimming and a few spare hours during weekends and evenings, you're just the person Lee Dexter is looking for. Lee, who is aquatic director and swimming coach at WSU, could use several interested alums to man the stopwatches during home meets. "It really takes very little time," he tells us. "Most meets are completed in two hours. And we have four meets scheduled for the month of December." For further information or to volunteer, call Jim Dock in the Aquatics Department at 873-2771.

Ooops!

In the November issue of *Alumnews* several errors managed to creep into our list of Alumni Association lifetime members. Some names were incorrectly spelled; others were inadvertently omitted. So to set the record straight, we'd like to acknowledge the following alums who have enlisted for life in support of WSU.

Carletta Clemmer	Marvin E. Rue
Michael J. Gauder	Gabriel F. Vacca
Robert A. Hunter	Margaret B. Vacca
Richard W. Little	James K. Wilder
Just in: Mary F. Harris	

Wine-Tasting Scheduled

There's a little ditty from seventeenth century wit Henry Aldrich, and it goes like this:

If all be true that I do think,
There are five reasons we should drink:
Good wine—a friend—or being dry—
Or lest we should be by and by—
Or any other reason why.



With that in mind, the Alumni Association's Athletic Affairs Committee is issuing an early invitation to all Association members to reserve Saturday, January 21 for a wine-tasting get-together. The sipping will start in the faculty lounge after the evening's basketball game. And all Association members and guests will be admitted at a reduced price by presenting their I.D. cards. Further information will appear in the next issue of *Alumnews*.

Soccer Resumes at WSU

Soccer will resume at Wright State as a varsity sport starting with the 1978-79 academic year, according to Don Mohr, athletic director. Actually, soccer was the first varsity sport at WSU, starting in 1968. But the sport had to be temporarily dropped after the 1972 season due to an insufficient number of players in the Dayton area. "Since that time, soccer has experienced unbelievable local growth," said Mohr, adding that applications are now being accepted for the coaching position, which will be filled on a part-time basis by January.

The addition of soccer will bring the total number of varsity sports at WSU to 14, including another new sport, men's volleyball, which will start in the spring of 1978.



Save 20% at University Bookstore

T-shirts, birthday cards, puppets, mugs, pens and pencils, calendars . . . the list of non-textbook items available at Wright State's Bookstore reads like a shopping center directory. And all those items (excluding class rings and calculators) are on sale throughout the month of December at twenty percent off the regular price. It's the Bookstore's way of helping you say "Merry Christmas."

But did you know that it's Christmas time all year long at the Bookstore for members of the Alumni Association? It's true. While anyone can save twenty percent during the twelfth month of the year, Association members enjoy the discount throughout the year. Umbrellas for April, mugs in May, a February Valentine, or a best-selling novel to take to the beach in July . . . stop by anytime. You'll see, and save.

An Invitation

The Athletic Affairs Committee of Wright State's Alumni Association cordially invites you, your kids, and any other guests you care to bring to attend an

Ice Cream Tasting Party

Friday, December 16

prior to the WSU-Thomas More basketball game six till seven in the University Center

Admission for Association members is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children.

Non-members: \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children.

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New Year Brings New Board

With the new year, Wright State's Alumni Association will have a new Board of Directors. So we thought December an appropriate time to say "thanks" to the dozen Board members who have made 1977 a success. There are many reasons for thanking them, but space limitations allow room for only two at the top of the list. First, this year's Board established the policy of meeting bi-monthly, although quarterly meetings had been the rule. Second, the Board recently finished polishing and adopted an Association organization chart, which promises to streamline Association procedures in the future. (We'll

publish that chart in the January *Alumnews*.)

Ballots are now in the mail for electing 78's Board members; and all ballots must be postmarked by December 22. In the meantime, we'd like to especially thank outgoing Board members Daniel Carbaugh, James Mack, Andrew Winchek, Patrick Osler, and Rosilyn Overton, whose terms expire with the new year.

Nine of the 1977 Board members are pictured here. Our apologies to the remaining three (Darrell Vickers, Karla Moran, and Patrick Osler), who somehow managed to elude our photographer.



D. Carbaugh



J. Mack



A. Winchek



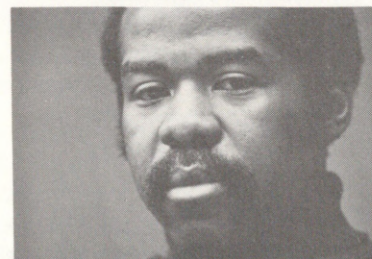
R. Overton



P. Osler



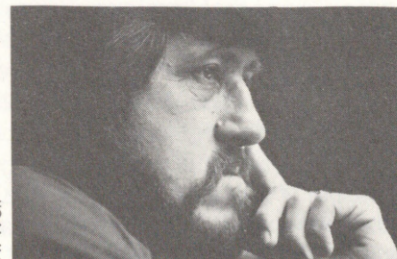
K. Moran



D. Vickers



K. Moran



P. Osler